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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Joe Aragon -

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in the President's outbox.  
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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Puerto Rico and the Issue  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Rick/Joe --

I think the President is  
asking where the current  
Governor's letter is....  
nor Colon's

SUSAN - Jack Watson  
has the current gov's  
letter & is drafting  
a response to it before  
giving it to The Pres.  
Rich

MEMORANDUM

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JOE ARAGON *jwa*

SUBJECT:

PUERTO RICO AND THE ISSUE  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

cc Joe Aragon

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WASHINGTON

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Mr. President:

Joe Aragon suggests that you read his summary of a letter from former Gov. Colon of Puerto Rico to you.

You are not asked to take any action.

Brzezinski and Eizenstat suggest that you stick by the policy on Puerto Rico you outlined on New Year's Day.

Rick

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JOE ARAGON *JA*

SUBJECT:

LETTER FROM RAFAEL-HERNANDEZ  
COLON (SUMMARY)

The attached letter from ex-Governor Rafael Hernandez Colon of Puerto Rico responds to the recent request of Governor Carlos Romero Barcelo for the creation of a Commission to study the effects of statehood on the Island. Hernandez Colon emphasizes that the initiative toward statehood represents a determination contrary to the expressed desire of the people of Puerto Rico for greater self-government under Commonwealth status. Although the present course against self-determination could be rectified simply by not acting on Governor Barcelo's proposal, Hernandez Colon urges that some positive action be taken before the Special Committee on Decolonization of the United Nations meets in September.

The letter points out that a United States-Puerto Rico Commission was established in 1963 by the President and Congress. Their report recommended a plebiscite on this issue in Puerto Rico. When such a plebiscite was held in 1967, 60% of those voting favored Commonwealth status. To implement the plebiscite, two ad hoc committees were created and they recommended in 1975 a new compact granting Puerto Rico greater self-government under Commonwealth status. However, the Federal interdepartmental analysis of this Committee report led to the anomalous proposal by President Ford of statehood for Puerto Rico.

Finally, Hernandez Colon states that for 15 years Puerto Rico has, with the help of the United States, been able to fight off Cuban moves in the United Nations to have Puerto Rico again declared a colony. But the political situation in the United Nations has now changed dramatically, and Hernandez Colon believes that a positive statement by the President emphasizing a desire to follow the will of the people of Puerto Rico is needed. He emphasizes that the status of the Island was not at issue in the recent campaign and that Governor Romero is seeking to involve the Administration in an effort for statehood lacking the popular support of the people of Puerto Rico.




THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STU EIZENSTAT 

SUBJECT: Joe Aragon Memo 2/14/77 re: Puerto Rico and  
the Issue of Statehood

I believe you should respond to former Governor Hernandez-Colon's letter by making the following points:


1. That throughout the campaign and after the election your position has been self-determination for the people of Puerto Rico. You directly opposed President Ford's statehood initiation.
2. That you recognize the dangers created by Cuban charges of colonization of Puerto Rico.
3. That within the context of self-determination you are committed to giving Puerto Rico the fullest degree of self-government and uplifting the economy of Puerto Rico.
4. Thank the former Governor for his interest and express the hope that he will continue to keep you advised of his views in this area.

## MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICK HUTCHISON

FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI 

SUBJECT: Joe Aragon's Memorandum Re Hernandez Colon  
Letter on Puerto Rico

Rafael Hernandez Colon is one of the most articulate and intelligent of the proponents of Commonwealth status for Puerto Rico, and I expect that his view that Puerto Rico should remain a Commonwealth, is representative of the majority of Puerto Ricans.

The issue of Puerto Rico's future status, however, is an extraordinarily complicated one. The "free associated state" of Puerto Rico may in fact be a contradiction in terms; at best, the relationship is awkward and ambiguous. From the U.S. perspective, Puerto Rico's free elections may suggest a self-governing democracy. From the perspective of its Caribbean neighbors or other newly independent and small developing countries, however, Puerto Rico's peculiar relationship with the U.S. doubtless is suggestive of a special variety of "neo-colonialism." Cuba is not alone in this interpretation, and the support Cuba has received at the United Nations on behalf of Puerto Rican independence is at least partly explained by that.

Hernandez Colon is correct in arguing against haste or statehood, but we also should not leap into a revised Commonwealth since the new compact has, I understand, not been well-received in Puerto Rico either.

A new plebiscite in Puerto Rico on its future status might be desirable in the near future. At the minimum, however, the issue should be subject to a Policy Review Memorandum, which addresses the whole issue or perhaps just its diplomatic component.

In the interim, I would recommend that the President stand firm on his New Year's Day comments, saying that he would respect the self-determination of the Puerto Rican people.



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OFICINA DEL EX-GOBERNADOR  
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLON



February 8, 1977

The Honorable Jimmy Carter  
President  
United States of America  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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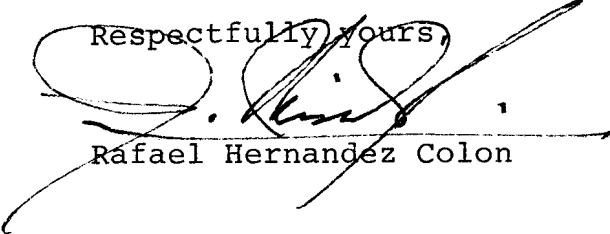
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Respectfully yours,



Rafael Hernandez Colon

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Date: February 15, 1977

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**FOR ACTION:**  
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Zbigniew Brzezinski  
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Rafael Hernandez Colon's letter  
to the President.

A handwritten signature, possibly "Joe", in black ink.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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~~Rick~~

**STAFF  
TO:**

Please circulate a FYI to the  
following:

Hamilton Jordan  
Z. Brzezinski  
~~Sec'y. of State~~ Vance  
Stu Eizenstat  
Jack Watson  
VP

Thank you

Joe

Also - copy to Toe w/ note  
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1-2 pgs.

Thanks

Rich

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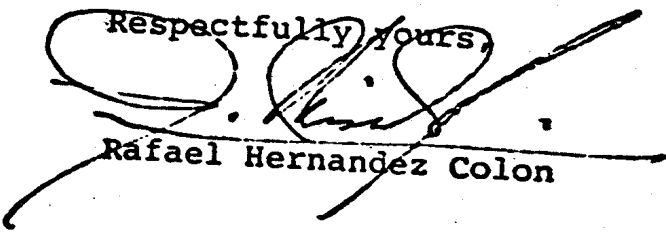
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Rel Letter from H.G. Rickover  
THE PHILADELPHIA

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cc Today

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.  
USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)  
FLEET POST OFFICE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 09501

cc: Jody  
J

At Sea  
North Atlantic  
February 15, 1977

Dear Mr. President:

We are returning from the first sea trials of the USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690), our 66th nuclear powered attack submarine. The ship completed all tests including full power operation, both surface and submerged. The PHILADELPHIA was built at Groton, Connecticut, by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation.

This ship is named for a city prominent in the history of our country and the Navy. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were both written there. It was the Nation's capital from 1790 until 1800. The United States Navy was established by legislation of the Continental Congress at Philadelphia on 13 October 1775.

The PHILADELPHIA is the sixth United States ship to bear the name. The first, constructed in the summer of 1776, was lost in an engagement with the British on Lake Champlain in October 1776. The second was a frigate lost off Tripoli in 1803 during the wars with the Barbary pirates. The third was an iron-hulled, side-wheel steamer, used in the Civil War as part of the Atlantic blockade. The fourth, a cruiser, operated in the Atlantic and Pacific from 1890 until 1902. The fifth, a light cruiser commissioned in 1937, earned five battle stars for action in the Atlantic and Mediterranean during World War II. This ship was decommissioned in 1947 and sold to Brazil in 1951.

The PHILADELPHIA is one of a new class of nuclear attack submarines capable of attaining speeds higher than any previously achieved by U.S. submarines. In addition to high speed, this class is equipped with advanced sonar and torpedo fire control systems, characteristics which will increase their effectiveness. This class will also be capable of operating in direct support of our aircraft carriers and other major surface combatants in an escort role. Thirty-one ships of this class have been authorized by Congress.

In addition to 66 attack type submarines, we also have 41 Polaris ballistic missile-firing submarines, making a total of 107 in operation. When all nuclear submarines presently authorized by Congress are completed, the United States will have 41 Polaris, 5 Trident, and 95 attack submarines.

Respectfully,

*H. G. Rickover*  
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The President  
The White House

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cc: Hamilton Jordan

Re: Special Trade Representative



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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

*To VP  
I'm still waiting  
for a recommendation*  
*C*

February 17, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT *WJH*

SUBJECT: SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

I have just learned that Harold (Hal) Malmgren is, for personal reasons, not willing to be considered for the position as Special Trade Representative. I thought I would pass this on to you in case you were about to begin considerations for that position.

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Re: Universal Voter Registration  
Proposal

CC: VP

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Date: February 17, 1977

## MEMORANDUM

FOR ACTION:

FOR INFORMATION: The Vice President  
Midge Costanza  
Stu Eizenstat  
Hamilton Jordan  
Bob Lipshutz  
Frank Moore FM  
Jody Powell  
Jack Watson

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: The Vice President's memo 2/17/77 re  
Universal Voter Registration Proposal.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED  
TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

DAY: Friday

DATE: February 18, 1977

## ACTION REQUESTED:

Other: ☐ Your comments

## STAFF RESPONSE:

☒ I concur. ☐ No comment.

Please note other comments below:

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THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT *[Signature]*

RE: UNIVERSAL VOTER REGISTRATION PROPOSAL

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 1977

We have made substantial progress in developing a universal voter registration proposal which we believe will accomplish your goal of eliminating every possible barrier to voter participation and which will have wide-spread support both on the Hill and elsewhere. The specifics of the proposal are attached and, upon your approval of them, we will begin drafting a message to the Congress.

We have worked closely with Stu's people on this, and this morning Dick Moe explained the proposal to the senior White House staff. He reports there was a favorable reaction to it. In addition, we have consulted with and received preliminary indications of support from the AFL-CIO, the UAW, Common Cause, the League of Women Voters and staff people at the FEC. Within the next week or so we intend to meet with representatives of the governors, secretaries of state, county officials, state legislators and various minority and other groups to try to enlist their support.

Prospects on the Hill are equally encouraging. We have reached general agreement with key people in both houses and I am confident we will have good Democratic support. Frank Thompson, chairman of the House Administration Committee which will have jurisdiction over the bill, will probably agree to be the chief House sponsor, and he likely will be joined by John Brademas who is also on the Committee. In the Senate, Cranston, Kennedy, Clark and Eagleton all appear willing to defer to Howard Cannon, Chairman of the Rules Committee, if he can be persuaded to be the principal Senate sponsor. In this regard we will propose a comprehensive Hill strategy for you before the message is sent. Needless to say, we can expect to encounter heavy Republican opposition to the idea but we think we can counter it effectively by a) dramatizing the excellent experiences of Minnesota and Wisconsin, b) neutralizing the fraud issue, and c) enlisting the support of non-partisan groups.

You will notice that the proposal calls for nearly \$50 million on a biennial basis, about \$20 million of that in FY '78. The AFL-CIO and some Hill people originally wanted a \$100 million biennial package, but we thought that excessive and negotiated down to the \$50 million figure. We think that is realistic and necessary in order to do the job properly and to overcome inevitable state and local government opposition, which we expect to be substantial.

If you agree, we propose that you send a message to Congress as early as possible in March which would contain a) the details of this proposal accompanied by a bill, b) an endorsement of Congressional public financing without getting into a lot of specifics (there is still substantial disagreement among supporters), and c) an endorsement of the Constitutional amendment providing for direct election of the President. If Bob Lipshutz suggests any amendments to the FEC law, we will of course be happy to incorporate those as well.

I am personally very enthusiastic about this proposal and the opportunity it gives you and the administration to sponsor and achieve a significant reform. It's very much in line with many of the other efforts you have underway already.

Dick and I are prepared to meet with you if you have any questions about any of this, or, if you prefer, we can discuss it at lunch on Monday.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISCUSS \_\_\_\_\_

## UNIVERSAL VOTER REGISTRATION PROPOSAL

### Election Day Registration in Federal Elections

The legislation we are developing would require all states to permit voter registration at the polling place on election day for federal general elections. Primaries are not covered because we do not want to interfere with state systems of party registration and because it would be difficult to pass a bill which threatened members of Congress from one-party districts.

The bill would not require the registration of voters in North Dakota or in localities of other states where registration is not used. It also would not stop states from being more liberal or open in their registration and voting procedures if they wish to do so.

### Incentive for State and Local Elections

While the federal government cannot constitutionally mandate that election day registration be permitted in state and local elections, the bill would include a financial incentive to encourage states to allow it. Any state which allowed such registration in all state and local general elections would qualify for a bonus payment in the financial assistance formula. Again, primaries would not be covered.

### Proving Voter Qualifications at the Polling Place

The Constitution gives the states the right to set voter qualifications in all elections. Under the proposal, a person seeking to register at the polling place would be allowed to demonstrate that he meets those qualifications in one of the following ways:

- a.) by showing a form of identification (e.g., a driver's license) that meets the requirements prescribed by the FEC; or
- b.) by showing evidence that he was previously registered in the precinct. (This would be used in cases where the person's name had been purged from the list because he had not voted in recent years.)



The FEC would be allowed to grant some discretion to the states in determining acceptable forms of identification, but it would have to ensure that reasonably simple and widely available forms of identification are sufficient in every state. In any case, states could not ask for more than is now required for registration prior to election day.

In addition to proving his qualifications in this manner, each person seeking to register at the polling place would be required to sign an affidavit swearing that he meets the state's voter qualifications. A warning statement of the criminal penalty for false registration would be printed on the face of the affidavit form.

#### Financial Assistance and Costs

A modest package of financial assistance to the states should include funds to offset the actual costs of election day registration and to assist the states with other efforts which will increase voter turnout. With this in mind, the bill would permit state and local officials to use the federal funds for:

- a.) registration by mail;
- b.) informational programs;
- c.) surveys and canvassing;
- d.) computerization of voting records;
- e.) improvement of absentee registration and absentee voting procedures;
- f.) mobile and outreach registration efforts; and
- g.) other forms of modernization.

Such activities will supplement election day registration and make it work more effectively by encouraging as much prior registration as possible.

We have developed the financial assistance formula by taking into account the following factors:

- a.) the goal of keeping the total biennial cost under \$50 million;

- b.) the desirability of making the amount of money a state receives depend partly on how well it performs in encouraging voter turnout;
- c.) the need to provide the states with a basic predictable amount of assistance which is based on population rather than on performance;
- d.) the need to provide the states with enough money to make the financial assistance meaningful (A GAO study indicates that \$203 million a year is spent by states and localities on election administration.);
- e.) the desirability of building in a strong incentive for the use of election day registration in state and local elections.

Payments to the states would include 10¢ times the state's voting age population plus 20¢ times the actual voter turnout in the state. An additional amount of 20¢ times the actual turnout would go to those states which allow election day registration in state and local elections.

In round numbers, this formula would produce the following costs:

10¢ X 150,000,000 (U.S. population over 18)	=	\$ 15,000,000	
20¢ X 81,600,000 (1976 actual turnout)	=	16,320,000	
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		\$ 31,320,000	(Federal election only)
20¢ X 81,600,000 (if all states permitted election day registration in state and local elections)		16,320,000	(State bonus)
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Maximum 2-year cost based on 1976 voting		\$ 47,640,000	

Adding FEC administration costs to this amount for grants to the states would keep the total for the entire program under \$50 million.

The cost of the grants for the 1978 election will be substantially lower than \$47.64 million because the turnout will be lower in a non-Presidential year and because some states will not yet have acted to permit election day registration in state and local elections and, thus, will not qualify for the bonus.

The payments based on voting age population would be made well in advance of the biennial election. The FEC would be authorized to use estimates of voter turnout to make additional partial advance payments on that basis, with the balance of turnout-based payments made after the election. Payments for each biennial election will, thus, be made near the end of one fiscal year and during the beginning of another.

For fiscal 1978, an appropriation of about \$20 million would be required, with a further appropriation of \$20 to \$25 million in fiscal 1979.

#### Administration by the FEC

Rather than create a large regulatory bureaucracy within the Federal Election Commission, procedures for administering the system will be spelled out clearly and completely in the bill. The states will be allowed maximum flexibility with minimum FEC interference in using the federal funds to carry out their responsibilities. In order to allow for the wide variations among the states in the way they administer elections, each state will be permitted to submit its own plan for using the financial assistance. Such plans will have to be approved by the FEC, but the Commission will not be authorized to issue detailed regulations on how the money can be spent. The FEC will have to have rule-making authority, but it will be carefully limited.

#### Penalties and Enforcement

Tough criminal penalties for fraudulent registration must be provided. Any willful false registration or payment to another to encourage false registration would be made a federal felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both. The same penalty would apply to voting more than once in an election and to registering with the intent to vote more than once. Any person who deprived another of the rights provided by the legislation would also be subject to the penalty. State and local election officials and the FEC would be required to present any evidence of violations to the United States Attorney. Individual citizens would be permitted to present such evidence.

In addition to the criminal penalties, the United States Attorney, at the request of the FEC or state or local election officials, would be authorized to seek injunctive relief in federal court to prevent patterns of fraudulent registration.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Bob Lipshutz -

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Code of Conduct for White  
House Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

cc Lipscomb

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 18, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bob Lipshutz *BL*  
SUBJECT: Code of Conduct for White House Staff

We have issued several guidelines in connection with this matter. With reference to the question of "gifts", I understand that you have stated you do not wish either you or your family or any of the staff or our families to accept gifts of any kind, except books.

I recommend that instead, you authorize the acceptance of gifts with the following limitations:

1. Books *of modest value and other*
2. ~~Items~~ Items with a value of no more than \$5 and then only if received from people who are personal friends or acquaintances;
3. Items having practically no market value, but some sentimental value, such as photographs, religious items, hand-crafted items, and similar items;
3. Such other and unique items as are approved by one individual on the staff designated by you.

With reference to entertainment of White House staff personnel, I would suggest that we clarify this by authorizing the acceptance of invitations to social affairs in which a group is being entertained, and for private entertainment of the host in his home, and meals, etc., in which the cost per person does not exceed \$10.

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I would trust to the judgement of the individual not to accumulate such entertainment by any person so as to defeat the basic intent of such limitations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Bob Lipshutz

The attached is forwarded to you  
for your information.

Rick Hutcheson

Re: Bracketed System of Preparing  
Financial Statement



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

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approved  
2-18-77  
per R.J.L.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bob Lipshutz

*[Signature]*

SUBJECT: "Bracketed" System of Preparing Financial Statement

Instead of setting out the actual value of specific assets, such as stock, an individual would simply state the name of the asset and put a symbol indicating the "range of value" of that particular item.

For example, a person then could list on his financial statement the names of the particular securities which he might own and set out the following "valuation":

- a. \$0 - \$4,999
- b. \$5,000 - \$14,999
- c. \$15,000 - \$49,999
- d. \$50,000 - \$99,999
- e. \$100,000 or more

This type of statement also would omit the total dollar value of assets and liabilities.

There seems to be a consensus which has been expressed strongly by a number of individuals and interested groups not to list the specific value of assets on any financial statement which is to be open to the public. "Common Cause" is actually the only organization thus far which has expressed the preference of this "bracketed" method in lieu of listing actual figures, but even it does not believe that actual figures need be listed in the statement that is to be made public.

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This would not preclude the filing of the usual type of financial statement, with figures included, but that type of statement would be kept confidential in the Civil Service Commission or with the Department Head, as the case may be.

With the concurrence of John Moore, I wish to recommend that you approve this method of public disclosure instead of the previously determined method of publishing all figures.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Richard Harden -

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the President's outbox. It is  
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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Projected Personnel Levels

*TC wants specific proposal on Frank*

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WASHINGTON

February 17, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB LIPSHUTZ

FROM:

RICHARD HARDEN

SUBJECT:

Projected Personnel Levels

Attached for your use is a summary of the current status of the White House Payroll. In regard to our attempt to cut the Ford policy staff level by 30%, I would offer the following analysis:

FORD STAFF - DECEMBER, 1976

Actual WH Staff	257
Detailed Employees	<u>25</u>
Total Full Time	282

PROJECTED CARTER STAFF - MAY, 1977

Actual WH Staff	195
Detailed Employees	<u>7</u>
Total Full Time	202
70% of 282	197

The 202 level would be a cut of approximately 28% and would provide us the flexibility we need to deal with some problems that have developed since we made our original budget projections. I might also add that the part-time employees have been reduced from a level of 55 to 39.

Give me a call if you have any questions.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Jack Watson

The attached is forwarded to  
you for your information.

Rick Hutcheson

Re: Secret Service Protection  
for Rockefeller to Middle  
East.

cc: Bob Lipshutz

THE WHITE HOUSE  
~~WASHINGTON~~

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The Vice President

Midge Costanza

Stu Eizenstat

Hamilton Jordan

Bob Lipshutz

Frank Moore

Jody Powell

Jack Watson

Rick Hutcheson

Called Mike <sup>9/16</sup> this time  
J  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

2/17/77

Mr. President :

Mike Blumenthal just called for an answer to the following question → Nelson Rockefeller's secret service protection expires on Feb 22<sup>d</sup>. In early March he is going to the Middle East on a 10-14 day visit & has requested secret service protection only while on the trip -

Blumenthal recommends - that the request be granted but wanted your approval before speaking with Mr. Rockefeller -

He would appreciate an answer this afternoon because Mr. R. is making some plans which are affected by this decision -

Respy  
Jack W.

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18 February 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

FROM: Admiral Stansfield Turner  
DCI-Designate

I would like to discuss the following subjects during our luncheon on 18 February.

- Status of Senate confirmation.
- Initial impressions of Intelligence Community.
- Confirmation of Presidential direction contained in Opening Statement to Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.
- Memorandum on reduction in IC Staff.
- Usefulness of PDB.
- President's interest in wider intelligence dissemination.
  - Cabinet
  - Congress
  - Public
- Proposed date and location for Swearing-in and visit to Langley.

  
STANSFIELD TURNER

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18 FEB 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

FROM : Admiral Stansfield Turner  
DCI-Designate

With regard to your directive to me and Bert Lance to reduce the personnel of the DCI Staff to its pre-reorganization size:

1. Half of the increase was in transfers from other intelligence agencies.
2. The other half was in response to President Ford's Executive Order strengthening the hand of the DCI; and to Congressional pressures to separate the DCI functions from CIA functions.
3. Overall the Intelligence Community has decreased by more than 2000 positions in the past year. It is my intent to scrutinize carefully for additional reductions. In view of the reviews that Zbig and I are going to do on the organization of the Intelligence Community and in view of your desire to place the DCI in overall charge, I recommend that we hold our fire on this one until we can see the end target a bit more clearly.



STANSFIELD TURNER

Attachment

cc Bert Lance

Quote from Stansfield Turner's Opening Statement to the  
Senate Select Committee

Presidential direction

"In this connection, the President has within the last few days made it expressly clear to me that he expects the Director of Central Intelligence to be able to ensure him that our national effort to collect and analyze current intelligence and to develop new systems of collection and analysis is in accordance with his priorities and with minimal duplication of effort. He also wants to be ensured that the foreign intelligence work of all agencies of the government is being conducted strictly in accordance with law and within the ethical standards he establishes. The President indicated that while he believes that these objectives are encompassed by existing law and executive directives, he intends to work closely with the Congress on any revisions to law and to executive orders as may be desirable to assist the Director of Central Intelligence in fulfilling those charges."

*Pitt*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. President:

Hamilton and Frank have  
received Information copies  
of the attached.

Rick

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THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

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February 17, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT *uf*  
SUBJECT: REPORT ON MY BREAKFAST WITH ROBERT BYRD

Warnke Nomination

Byrd is undecided but will not use his leadership role to influence other votes. He suggested he might vote against Warnke to send a message to the Russians that despite Warnke's appointment, they will not have an easy time at future SALT talks. I pointed out that a substantial vote against Warnke might render him less effective as a negotiator and make any agreement more difficult. Byrd said he thought that was a persuasive argument.

FBI Director

Having talked with Griffin Bell beforehand, I affirmed that whatever commitments had been made with respect to the duration of Clarence Kelley's directorship would be kept, but we did not discuss specifics. I suggested it might be helpful if the Attorney General and the Majority Leader talked about this at some future time.

Regional and Local Federal Appointments

Byrd strongly emphasized the importance of prior consultation with Members of Congress before persons are offered Federal appointments in regional or local offices. I explained to him the procedures set forth in your February 8 memorandum to the Members of the Cabinet.

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Congressional Relations

Leadership Breakfasts: Byrd suggested it would be helpful to invite the Congressional Minority Leaders to occasional breakfasts, particularly just before the announcement of a major program or message to the Congress.

The Administration's Legislative Program: Byrd again emphasized the importance of sending messages to the Congress as early as possible and that he intends to try to adjourn by October 1.

Senate Democratic Caucus: It was suggested that I appear before a Senate Democratic Caucus to explain procedures regarding federal appointments. I would also plan to discuss the problem of Cabinet Members' time testifying before Congressional committees.

1978 Senatorial Campaigns: Byrd suggested I plan to campaign for Senators up for election in 1978. I plan to schedule a meeting with the 16 Senators whose terms expire in 1978 and the new Chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Wendell Ford.

Foreign Trips

Senator Byrd would like to be consulted if Senators are asked to accompany you or Administration officials on foreign trips. He suggested that trips involving Senators not be scheduled while the Senate is in session. I believe consideration should be given to asking Senator Byrd to travel as your emissary to China or elsewhere, as Mike Mansfield did during his Majority Leadership.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
February 18, 1977

Tim Kraft -

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Reading Class

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cc Tim

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Tim  
Schedule  
J*

February 18, 1977

FOR: The President and Mrs. Carter  
FROM: Greg Schneiders  
SUBJECT: Speed Reading Class

Your speed reading class will meet on Tuesday, February 22, 1977 in the Cabinet Room.

This class will meet from 7:00 - 9:30 p. m. for seven consecutive weeks

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February 18, 1977

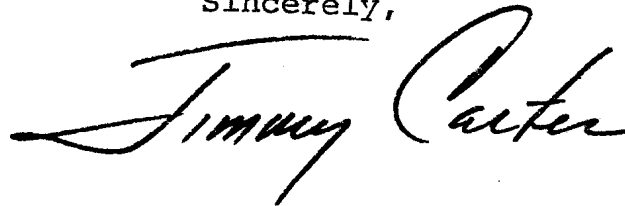
To Harold O'Flaherty

Thank you for letting me know of your desire to serve as a member of the White House staff.

I really appreciate your interest in my administration and your fine work in the Public Health Service.

There are not any openings on my staff at the present time. However, I want you to know that I am grateful for your offer of assistance.

Sincerely,



Mr. Harold O'Flaherty  
Office of Child Health Affairs  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

*p.s. We've cut back about  
30% below the previous admin-  
istration on White House staff-  
J*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

2/18/77

rick --

i sent the original of this memo  
to gisele rounteniz in barry jagoda's  
office.

this copy is for your information  
and files, if appropriate.

-- ssc

February 18, 1977

Mr. President --

Under current policy, if you want to see the White House news "rebroadcast" at any time other than 9:30 a.m., it must be by special request each time.

I'd like to suggest that it be rebroadcast daily at 12:30, so that it could be viewed during lunch.

Do you agree ✓ disagree       ?

-- SSC

(your television in the study should be better "tuned" later today)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Barry Jagoda

The attached was returned in  
the President's outbox. It is  
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Rick Hutcheson

cc: Tim Kraft

Re: Highlights of ROOTS

cc BARRY J.  
Tim K

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Barry Jagoda

A thirty-minute "highlights" videotape of the eight hours of ROOTS is in the White House videotape center. If you still want to see it just give them a ring and they will feed it to a television set at your convenience.

*Will call*

*Barry*

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ALEX HALEY WILL BE IN D.C. ON FRIDAY, FEB. 25, AND WE COULD ARRANGE FOR HIM TO HAVE A BRIEF VISIT WITH YOU HERE. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU SEE THE VIDEOTAPE, AND THEN SEE HALEY.

*no*

TIM

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To Mr. Laurence Grossman

As you know, there are many Americans who suffer from serious hearing impairments. At present, these people are unable to benefit from television, one of the major sources of information available to the rest of us.

I understand that some experiments with closed captioning, partially funded by HEW and PBS, have been successful in twelve national test sites. Ninety-four percent of the deaf persons interviewed in a nationwide poll indicated that they would purchase a home decoder if closed captioning were available in their areas. Additionally, some stations have broadcast selected programs using sign language.

Your suggestions about these and other practical means of helping our deaf citizens would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Laurence Grossman  
President  
Public Broadcasting System  
L'Enfant Plaza  
Washington, D. C.

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FEB 18 1977

To Mr. Herb Schlosser

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JIMMY CARTER

Mr. Herb Schlosser  
President  
National Broadcasting Corporation  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York

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*C. J.*  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Frederick Pierce  
President  
American Broadcasting Company, Inc.  
1330 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

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FEB 18 1977

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Mr. John Backe  
President  
CBS, Inc.  
51 West 52nd Street  
New York, New York 10019

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Notes  
on letters  
Pres send to  
head of TV networks  
re deep viewers

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Dear Mr. Backe:

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I would appreciate your exploring the possibilities of providing sign language transmission or closed captioning of prime time news and major news events. In addition, anything you can do to help deaf and hearing impaired Americans to benefit from other television offerings would be an important contribution.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Backe  
President *CBS, Inc.*  
~~Columbia Broadcasting System~~  
51 West 52nd Street  
New York, New York 10019

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30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York

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February 18, 1977

To Mr \_\_\_\_\_:

As you know, there are many Americans who suffer from serious hearing impairments. At present, these people are unable to benefit from television, one of the major sources of information available to the rest of us.

I understand that some experiments with closed captioning, partially funded by NEH and PBS, have been successful in the twelve national test sites. Ninety-four percent of the deaf persons interviewed in a nationwide poll indicated that they would purchase a home decoder if closed captioning were available in their areas. Additionally, some stations have broadcast selected programs using sign language.

~~If you have~~ <sup>Your</sup> suggestions about <sup>these and other</sup> practical means of helping our deaf citizens ~~if they~~ would be appreciated.

J.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Laurence Grossman,  
President  
Public Broadcasting System  
~~1200~~  
L'Enfant PLAZA  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

12-10-68



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Frank Moore

The attached was returned in  
the President's outbox. It is  
forwarded to you for appropriate  
handling.

Rick Hutcheson

Re: Congressional Mail Summary  
for 2/17/77

MEMORANDUM

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1977

TO: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: FRANK MOORE *FM*

*Frank:  
No cover  
sheet needed  
J*

Attached is today's summary of Congressional mail to the President.

cc: Hamilton Jordan

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MAIL SUMMARY

2/17/77

CONGRESSIONAL MAIL TO THE PRESIDENT

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FROM

SUBJECT

DISPOSITION

COMMENTS

SIGNATURE

Rep. John L. Burton  
(mailgram)

Suggests creation of a task force to investigate feasibility of diverting water run-off from Eastern snow areas to drought areas in West.

SE

Rep. Joseph P. Addabbo  
(telegram)

Urges your reconsideration of decision to abide by William Coleman's ruling on Concorde-SST.

ack-FM/DOT

Sen. Russell B. Long  
Sen. J. Bennett Johnston  
Rep. Gillis W. Long  
(telegram)

Urge favorable consideration of Governor Edwards' request for agriculture disaster designation for certain parishes in Louisiana.

SE

Sen. Russell B. Long,  
J. Bennett Johnston, Rep.  
Joe D. Waggonner, John  
Breaux, Gillis Long,  
David C. Treen, Lindy  
Boggs, W. Henson Moore,  
Jerry Huckaby, Richard  
Tonry  
(telegram)

Urge favorable consideration of all requests submitted by Governor Edwards for disaster assistance in Louisiana.

SE

Rep. Leon E. Panetta

Urges inclusion in budget of funds for San Felipe Project, to carry water to central California; would be happy to discuss with you at any time.

ack-FM/BL

*Across the Rockies?*

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<u>FROM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
Rep. Mendel J. Davis	Endorses letter from Gene W. Dukes of South Carolina House of Rep., concerning ineffectiveness of Farmers Home Administration.	ack-FM/ AGRIC.		
Sen. Gaylord Nelson	Urges Administration support of S.517 and S.518, to provide for study of flexible work schedules in executive agencies and to establish part-time work opportunities.	ack-FM/SE		
Rep. Mendel Davis	Urges that funding levels for student aid monies be increased in FY 1977 and 1978 budgets.	ack-FM/BL		
Rep. Clement J. Zablocki	Statement of his position on cruise missile and Backfire bomber.	ack-FM/DEFENSE CC:ZB	cc to me	
Sen. Robert C. Byrd	Endorses invitation from A. Clyde Ours to attend dinner of West Virginia Poultry Association in July.	FV		
Rep. Les Aspin	Requests group appointment for Mr. John Eyster and students	TK		
Rep. Les AuCoin	Endorses invitation from Dr. Michael Ford to address a symposium on hunger in Portland, Ore.	FV		

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FROM

Sen. Bob Dole

Sen John Sparkman

Former Speaker Carl  
Albert

Rep. Donald M. Fraser

Rep. Louis Stokes

Sen. John Sparkman

Sen. Alan Cranston

SUBJECT

Constituent requests a meeting  
with you in March.  
name: Mrs. Mary Lois Gross

Endorses invitation from Key Club  
International to address  
convention in Kansas City, July.

Endorses former Member of Congress  
Frank E. Smith for reappointment  
to the Board of Directors of the  
TVA.

Recommends appointment of Oren  
Steinfeldt as Regional Commissioner  
of INS.

Recommends Susie R. Powell for a  
legal position at HUD, HEW, Justice  
or a consumer protection agency.

Passes along the recommendation of  
Leo Mendel of Birmingham in behalf  
of Judge Louis Spector, for appoint-  
ment as Chief Judge, U.S. Court of  
Claims.

Recommends Dr. John H. Kuhnle  
for membership on Board of  
Directors of Student Loan  
Marketing Association.

TK

FV

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ack-FM/JK

ack-FM/JK

ack-FM/JK  
2 cc:RR

ack-FM/JK

DISPOSITION

COMMENTS

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<u>FROM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
Rep. Donald M. Fraser	Recommends Marilyn Brown for appointment to SEC.	ack-FM/JK		
Rep. Romano L. Mazzoli	<u>Corrects</u> an earlier endorsement for Mr. Bremer Ehrler: He seeks appointment to the Board of Governors of the Postal Service Corporation, <u>not</u> the Postal Rate Commission.	N/A JK		
Rep. George E. Danielson	Recommends Charles Luna for reappointment to Board of Governors of Amtrak.	ack-FM/JK		
Rep. William F. Walsh	Recommends Charles Luna for reappointment to Board of Governors of Amtrak.	ack-FM/JK		
Rep. Bob Stump	Recommends Dr. Harry G. Mathews for Ambassadorship of Barbados, West Indies.	ack-FM/JK		
Sen. Alan Cranston	Recommends Amy Kruglak for an appointment to the National Endowment for the Arts.	ack-FM/JK		
Sen. Strom Thurmond	Recommends Peter Murphy for Chairmanship of ICC (he is currently a Commissioner).	ack-FM/JK		
Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr.	Recommends Lewis Odom for Comptroller of the Currency.	ack-FM/JK		

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CONGRESSIONAL MAIL TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM

Rep. Walter E.  
Fauntroy

Rep. Louis Stokes

Rep. Carl D. Perkins

Sen. Birch Bayh

Rep. Clarence E. Miller

Rep. Charles E. Grassley

SUBJECT

Recommends his constituent,  
Elbert Suggs, for employment  
with one of the White House  
service staffs.

Recommends Dean Sam Whitman of  
Case Western Reserve University  
who wishes to serve in a  
volunteer capacity; interest  
in Citizens' Commission for Mental  
Health.

Recommends John H. Kuhnle for  
appointment to the Board of  
the Student Loan Marketing  
Association.

Recommends Maurice Sonnenberg  
for appointment as Special  
Trade Representative, Ambassador  
to EEC, or Ambassador to  
Belgium.

Supports ITC recommendation  
of import quotas on foreign  
footwear.

Suggests that if the  
President decides to  
initiate his own radio/TV  
talk show, it might  
originate on WMT Radio in  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DISPOSITION

ack-FM/JK

ack-FM/JK

cc: Mrs. Carter

ack-FM/JK

ack-FM/JK  
cc: JV

Trade Rep.,  
Exec. Ofc.

Press

COMMENTS

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FROM

SUBJECT

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COMMENTS

SIGNATURE

Sen. John Sparkman

Requests letter from President  
to high school student who  
did volunteer work in campaign.

EH

Rep. Bob Wilson

Requests color autographed photo  
for children of constituent.

GC

Rep. Kika de la Garza

Constituent correspondence

Hold



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Jim Schlesinger -

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Willens/Wylerin Energy  
Conference

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

cc J. Schlesinger

FACTORY EQUIPMENT  
CORPORATION

1122 MAPLE AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
213/748-5465 748-2850

To J. Schlesinger -  
As special favor to  
me, please include  
Willens/Wyler in every  
conference or discussion.

OFFICE OF THE  
CHAIRMAN

February 8, 1977

J.C.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

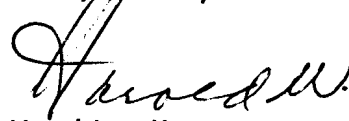
Memo to Jimmy Carter

Thanks for your warm note of February 3  
and for indicating that you will "be back in  
touch." At that time I'd be grateful for a word  
about where our Leo Wyler/Energy Advisory  
Group suggestion stands.

Meanwhile, I am confident you will not  
be bullied out of the Paul Warnke appointment  
and want you to know that I have been in touch  
with about 25 members of the Senate whom I have  
come to know personally, including most members  
of the Foreign Relations Committee. The gist of  
what I have said or written to them -- in a more  
personalized form -- is contained in the attached  
letter to the Wall Street Journal.

Quite a number of my friends around the  
country have agreed to do the same, in their own  
ways, with members of the Senate they know  
personally.

With warm regards to Rosalynn and yourself.

  
Harold Willens

Enclosure

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WASHINGTON

cc : Hugh

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Hugh Carter -

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Newspapers

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1977

*Hugh-  
Good- add  
Sun Atlanta paper  
to residence  
J.C.*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HUGH CARTER, JR. *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Newspapers

Effective February 11, 1977, newspaper distribution was curtailed to conform to the criteria for Proposal 2 of my memorandum of February 4, 1977, as amended by you.

Current distribution and costs are as follows:

<u>PURCHASED PAPERS</u>	<u>ACTUAL 2/11/77</u>	<u>1976</u>
Daily	187	660
Sunday	22	130
News Summary (Subscription)	19	40 est.
Approximate Annual Cost	\$14,130	\$58,831

Exceptions to the Proposal 2 criteria were the Press Office, Research Office, Library and a few others, because of special need. There will be further reductions upon consolidation of the Library and Research Departments.

The White House Offices involved were consulted before cutback.

A copy of the final allocation is attached.

Attachment

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RECIPIENTS OF NEWSPAPERS DISTRIBUTED  
BY WHITE HOUSE AFTER CUTBACKS 2/16/77

\* Complimentary

PRESIDENT AND STAFF (EXCLUDING PRESS)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>	
The President (West Wing)	Atlanta Constitution*	1	
	Atlanta Journal*	1	
	Washington Post	1	
	New York Times	1	
	Washington Star	1	
<u>Counsel</u>			
Lipshutz (W.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1	
	Atlanta Journal*	1	
	New York Times	1	1 Sun
	Washington Star	1	
	Washington Post	1	
McKenna (W.W.)	New York Times	1	
	Washington Post	1	
Apodaca (EOB)	Wall Street Journal	1	
Cardozo (EOB)	New York Times	1	
Huron (EOB)	Washington Post	1	
<u>Assistant to the President</u>			
Jordan (W.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1	1 Sun
	Atlanta Journal*	1	1 Sun
	Washington Star	1	
	Wall Street Journal	1	
	Los Angeles Times	1	
Butler (W.W.)	Washington Post	1	1 Sun
	New York Times	1	1 Sun
Parker (EOB)	New York Times	1	
Siegel (W.W.)	New York Times	1	
	Washington Post	1	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>
<u>Policy-Domestic</u>		
Eizenstat (W.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1
	Atlanta Journal*	1
	New York Times	1
	Washington Post	1
	Wall Street Journal	1
Hurley (W.W.)	Washington Star	1
<u>Assistant-Cabinet</u>		
Watson (W.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1
	Atlanta Journal*	1
	New York Times	1
	Washington Post	1
	Washington Star	1
Yarham (W.W.)	Wall Street Journal	1
Bailey (EOB)	Chicago Tribune	1
	Los Angeles Times	1
Kirschenbaum (EOB)	New York Times	1
Parham (EOB)	Wall Street Journal	1
Wilkes (EOB)	Washington Post	1
<u>Assistant Public Liaison</u>		
Costanza (W.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1
	Atlanta Journal*	1
	New York Times	1
	Washington Star	1
	Washington Post	1
Adams (W.W.)	New York Daily News	1
Feit (EOB)	New York Daily News	1
	New York Post	1
Haft (EOB)	New York Times	1
Reiman (EOB)	Wall Street Journal	1



<u>Name</u>		<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>
<u>Assistant Public Liaison (cont'd)</u>			
Selig	(EOB)	Atlanta Journal*	1
		Atlanta Constitution *	1
Starr	(EOB)	Washington Star	1
Wales	(EOB)	Washington Post	1
Wellons	(EOB)	Los Angeles Times	1
<u>Congressional Liaison</u>			
Moore	(W.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1
		Atlanta Journal*	1
		Washington Star	1
Dye	(E.W.)	New York Times	1
Free	(E.W.)	Wall Street Journal	1
Merrill	(E.W.)	Washington Star	1
Mitchell, J.	(E.W.)	Atlanta Constitution *	1
		Washington Post	1
Pinson	(E.W.)	Washington Post	1
Royal	(E.W.)	New York Times	1
Tate	(E.W.)	Washington Star (L)	1
Taylor	(E.W.)	Wall Street Journal	1
<u>East Wing Reception</u>			
Willing	(E.W.)	Washington Post	1
Bourdeaux	(E.W.)	Washington Star	1
<u>Energy</u>			
Schlesinger	(W.W.)	New York Times	1
		Washington Post	1
		Wall Street Journal	1
Irons	(W.W.)	Washington Star	1
Pagnotta	(EOB)	New York Times	1
		Wall Street Journal	1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>	
Freeman (EOB)	Washington Post	1	
Alm (EOB)	Washington Star	1	
<u>National Security</u>			
Brzezinski (W.W.)	Washington Star (L)	1	
	Washington Post	1	
	New York Times	1	
Aaron (W.W.)	Washington Star (L)	1	
	New York Times	1	
Schechter/Ops (WW)	Washington Post	1	
	New York Times	1	
	Christian Science Monitor	1	
	Wall Street Journal	1	
	Washington Star	1	
<u>Press Secretary Office</u>			
Powell (W.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1	
	Atlanta Journal*	1	
	New York Times	1	1 Sun
	Washington Post	1	1 Sun
	Los Angeles Times	1	1 Sun
Granum (W.W.)	New York Times	1	
	Washington Post	1	
	Washington Star (AM)	1	
Wurfel (W.W.)	New York Times	1	
	Washington Star (L)	1	1 Sun
	Wall Street Journal	1	
Drummond (W.W.)	Wall Street Journal	1	
Duka (W.W.)	New York Times	1	
	Washington Star (M)	1	
King, K. (W.W.)	Washington Post	1	
Jagoda (EOB)	New York Times	1	
	Washington Star	1	
	Washington Post	1	
Neustadt (EOB)	Wall Street Journal	1	
	Baltimore Sun*	1	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>
<u>Press Office (cont'd)</u>		
Bario (EOB)	Washington Star	1
	Washington Post	1
Peek (EOB)	New York Times	1
Purks (EOB)	Wall Street Journal	1
Sweeney (EOB)	Washington Post	1
<u>Speechwriters</u>		
Fallows (EOB)	Washington Post	1
	Washington Star	1
Doolittle (EOB)	Wall Street Journal	1
Nesmith (EOB)	Washington Post	1
Smith, G. (EOB)	New York Times	1
<u>News Summary Office (EOB)</u>		
<u>Complimentary</u>		
	Montgomery Advertiser	1
	The Arizona Republic	1
	The Los Angeles Times	1
	San Diego Union	1
	The Desert Dispatch (Barstow)	1
	Orlando Sentinel-Star	1
	Atlanta Journal	1 1 Sun
	The Atlanta Constitution	1 1 Sun
	Columbus Enquirer	1
	The Chicago Defender	1
	The Indianapolis Review	1
	Coffeyville Journal	1
	Shreveport Journal	1
	Baltimore Sun	1 Sun
	The Belding Banner	1
	The Michigan Daily	1
	St. Paul Dispatch	1
	Minneapolis Star	1
	Delta Democrat-Times	1
	South Mississippi Sun	1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>
<u>Complimentary (cont'd)</u>		
	St. Louis Sentinel	1
	Kansas City Times	1
	The Omaha Star	1
	Barron's	1
	The Journal of Commerce	1
	Youngstown Vindicator	1
	The Columbia State	1
	Charleston Sun	1
	Charleston Mail	1
	Christian Science Monitor	1
	Newsday	1
	The Village Voice	1
<u>Purchased</u>		
	The San Francisco Examiner	1
	The Rocky Mountain News	1
	The Miami Herald	1
	The Chicago Tribune	1 1 Sun
	The Chicago Sun-Times	1
	The Des Moines Register	1
	Boston Globe	1
	Detroit News	1
	Minneapolis Tribune	1
	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	1
	New York Times	1 1 Sun
	New York Daily News	1 1 Sun
	Wall Street Journal	1
	Charlotte Observer	1
	Cleveland Plain Dealer	1
	Philadelphia Inquirer	1 1 Sun
	Dallas Morning News	1
	Houston Post	1
	Washington Star	1 1 Sun
	Washington Post	1 1 Sun
	Louisville Courier-Journal	1
	Detroit Free Press	1
	Manchester Union Leader	1
	Seattle Times	1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>	
<u>Usher's Office (1)</u>			
(Residence)	New York Times	2	2 Sun
	Washington Post	3	1 Sun
	Washington Star	3	2 Sun
	Atlanta Constitution*	1	
<u>First Lady's Office</u>			
MacBean (E.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1	
	New York Times	1	
	Washington Post	1	
Hoyt (E.W.)	Women's Wear Daily	1	
	Wall Street Journal	1	
Poston (E.W.)	Washington Star	1	
Anderson (E.W.)	Washington Post	1	
Benefield (E.W.)	Baltimore Sun*	1	
Cade (E.W.)	New York Daily News	1	
Collins (E.W.)	New York Times	1	
Heinback (E.W.)	Christian Science Monitor	1	
Redman (E.W.)	Washington Star	1	
<u>Appointments Office</u>			
Kraft (W.W.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1	
	Atlanta Journal*	1	
	New York Times	1	
	Washington Star	1	
	Washington Post	1	
Smith, T. (EOB)	Washington Post	1	
	New York Times	1	
Smith, A. (EOB)	Wall Street Journal	1	
Voorde (EOB)	New York Times	1	
	Washington Star	1	
Woodward (EOB)	Baltimore Sun*	1	
Wells (W.W.)	Washington Star	1	

(1) WH reimbursed by National Park Service

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>
<u>Personnel Office</u>		
King (EOB)	New York Times	1
	Washington Post	1
	Wall Street Journal	1
Cushing (EOB)	Washington Post	1
Gammill (EOB)	Washington Star	1
	Boston Globe	1
Godley (EOB)	New York Times	1
Fraser (EOB)	New York Times	1
Rainwater (EOB)	Atlanta Constitution*	1
<u>Budget/Org.</u>		
Harden (W.W.)	Wall Street Journal	1
	New York Times	1
<u>Administration</u>		
Carter (W.W.)	New York Times	1
	Washington Post	1
<u>Ombudsman</u>		
Aragon (W.W.)	New York Times	1
	Washington Post	1
	Wall Street Journal	1
<u>Drug Abuse</u>		
Bourne (W.W.)	New York Times	1
	Washington Post	1
<u>Special Asst.</u>		
Mitchell, M. (W.W.)	Afro American	1
	Washington Star	1
	Washington Post	1
<u>W.H. Projects</u>		
Schneiders (W.W.)	New York Times	1
Doar (W.W.)	Washington Star	1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>	
<u>Staff Secretary</u>			
Hutcheson, R. (WW)	Washington Star	1	
	New York Times	1	
	Washington Post	1	
Simon, Bill (WW)	Wall Street Journal	1	
<u>Operations</u>			
Giannini (EOB) (Admin)	New York Times	1	
Holcombe (EOB) (Admin)	Washington Post	1	
Simpson (EOB) (Comment)	Washington Post	1	
	New York Times	1	
Higgins (EOB) (Corres.)	New York Times	1	
Hyatt (EOB) (Corres.)	Washington Star	1	
Dougherty (EOB) (Corres.)	Atlanta Constitution*	1	
Shay (EOB) (Mail)	Washington Post	1	
Schleicher (EOB) (Library)	Christian Science Monitor	1	
	New York Daily News	1	
	Washington Post	2	1 Sun
	New York Times	1	1 Sun
	Wall Street Journal	1	
	Washington Star	2	
Travis (EOB) (Research Office)	Wall Street Journal	1	
	Washington Post	1	1 Sun
	Christian Science Monitor	1	
	Chicago Tribune	1	
	New York Times	1	1 Sun
	Washington Star	1	1 Sun
	Baltimore Sun*	1	
	Atlanta Constitution*	1	1 Sun
	Philadelphia Inquirer	1	
West Wing Recp.	Washington Post	1	
	Washington Star	1	
	New York Times	1	

NON-WHITE HOUSE OPERATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Daily</u>
<u>Military</u>		
Gulley	Washington Post	1
	Washington Star	1
Dr. Lukash	Washington Post	1
(WH Physician)	Washington Star	1
<u>Vice President</u>		
(West Wing)	Washington Post	1
	Washington Star	1
	New York Times	1
<u>PFIAB</u>		
Byers	Washington Star	1
	New York Times	1
<u>IOB</u>		
Dennin	New York Times	1



OFFICES REIMBURSING WHITE HOUSE

(to be discontinued as soon as alternate means of  
delivery arranged)

NSC

Situation Room	Washington Post	2	2	Sun
	Washington Star	2	2	Sun
	New York Times	2	2	Sun
	Baltimore Sun*	2	2	Sun

Technical Security Division

Snow	Washington Post	1		
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WHCA	Washington Post	1		
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C.I.E.P.

Lackey	New York Times	7*	1	Sun
	Washington Post	7*	1	Sun
	Washington Star	3*	1	Sun
	Wall Street Journal	8		
	Journal of Commerce	8		

\*2 on Saturday

C.E.A.

Schultze	Washington Post	1	1	Sun
	New York Times	1	1	Sun
	Wall Street Journal			

O.S.T.P.

Montgomery	Washington Post	1		
	Washington Star	1		
	New York Times	1		
	Wall Street Journal	1		

In addition, the National Park Service reimburses the  
White House for papers delivered to the Usher's Office  
(page 7) for the Residence. This service will be continued.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Bunny Mitchell -

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the President's outbox. It is  
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Rick Hutcheson

cc: The Vice President  
Tim Kraft  
Frank Moore  
Stu Eizenstat

Re: House District Committee  
D.C. Affairs - Meeting Proposal

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO

VP

Bunny

T. K. G. T.

F. Moore

Sty

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. President:

Watson and Jordan had no comment on the attached memorandum.

Moore concurs with Bunny Mitchell, and suggests that a meeting be held the first or second week in March.

Kraft suggests a morning meeting February 23 or 24 with the Vice President, with the President dropping in for 10 minutes.

\_\_\_\_ Do not wish to attend meeting

\_\_\_\_ Will drop in on meeting as Kraft suggests

\_\_\_\_ Wish to meet with District Committee as Bunny Mitchell suggests

--Rick

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN,  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

To Bunny  
J

February 15, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BUNNY MITCHELL

SUBJECT:

House District Committee,  
D.C. Affairs - Meeting Proposal.

Congressman Diggs, Chairman, House District Committee has asked me to arrange a meeting with you, myself and the full House Committee (19) to discuss District of Columbia affairs.

Your views on the District are being sought to guide this Committee in its deliberations during the current session. I think a tailored breakfast or coffee meeting could be very useful.

- . There are many issues related to the District that require federal involvement. In this meeting, you could set forth a basic framework within which specific legislative proposals and Executive Agency actions could be considered.
- . This forum would enable you to identify specific concerns that will require Congressional action.
- . Symbolically, the meeting would elevate this committee from step-child status. It would signal your concern and reinforce with members the importance of their committee assignment.
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*Let VP meet  
for 20-30 minutes.  
Then I'll come in  
for brief summary*  


THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1977

Stu Eizenstat -

See my note attached.

Rick Hutcheson

cc: Vice President  
Bunny Mitchell  
Frank Moore  
Tim Kraft

Re: House District Committee  
Meeting Proposal

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

CC → Stu  
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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: STU EIZENSTAT *Stu*  
SUBJECT: House District Committee Meeting Proposal

I would recommend agreeing to the meeting but postponing setting a date. In my judgment, it is premature for House Committee members to solicit your views at this time.

Several fundamental issues are under review: fiscal arrangements, voting rights and statehood. The Administration has not yet developed a position, nor have we even explored the considerable political and fiscal impacts of policy changes. Particularly in light of your recent comments regarding the District's voting rights, a meeting now would heighten expectations when in fact no policy decisions have been reached. The meeting should be deferred until the Administration has moved further in the development of its policy approach and timetable.

*STU -  
your memo was  
received too late -- Pres  
has already acted -- copies  
have been sent to VP,  
Bunny, Frank + Tim.  
Rich*

Date: February 15, 1977

197 MEMORANDUM

FOR ACTION:

Tim Kraft

FOR INFORMATION:

The Vice President  
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FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT:

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xc: *Q* ARP  
KRAMER

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TIME: 4:00 P.M.

DAY: Thursday

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ACTION REQUESTED:

☒ Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

☐ I concur.

☐ No comment.

*Please note other comments below:*

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THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BUNNY MITCHELL 

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STAFF TO

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you for your information.

The Vice President

Midge Costanza

Stu Eizenstat

Hamilton Jordan

~~Robert F. Kennedy~~

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*or 2/24 with V.P.; Pres. to drop in last 10 minutes — would like to see Frank Moore's thoughts on this —*

## STAFF RESPONSE:

☐ I concur.☐ No comment.

TK

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*Recommend  
mtg. be held  
1st or 2nd  
week in March.  
For*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dropby at the DNC National Finance

Executive Council Meeting

9:00 am, Friday, Feb. 18

Hay Adams Hotel

From: Tim Kraft

I. PURPOSE

To lend support to the reconstitution of the National Finance Council program under the auspices of the Democratic National Committee.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. BACKGROUND/PARTICIPANTS

The breakfast meeting itself will not be a fundraiser. Those in attendance, numbering around 50, will have already pledged to recruit other Finance Council members (each contributing or raising \$5,000 per annum) for a total of \$50,000 per attendee per year. A second breakfast with an equivalent number is being planned for the same purpose. The net result of the two meetings would be annual Committee revenues of \$5 million per year or \$20 million for 4 years. A list of those planning to attend is attached.

B. PRESS PLAN

Press pool coverage because of limited space in the John Hay Room.

### III. TALKING POINTS

Joel McCleary and Jess Hay suggest the following:

- (1) Your background as a businessman and your continuing determination to:
  - (a) simplify governmental processes in relationship to the private sector;
  - (b) reorganize the federal government's executive branch, with a view to maximizing efficiency in the delivery of vital governmental services;
  - (c) balance the federal budget no later than Fiscal 1981, and in the interim to make steady progress in that direction;
  - (d) get the economy moving again without triggering a new wave of damaging inflation.
- (2) Your commitment to the free market system, and your continuing commitment to utilizing the private sector as the primary source of economic stimulation.
- (3) Your commitment to including business and professional people in the processes of the Democratic Party.
- (4) The proposed fundraising plan represents a new, clean, broad-based and open system for underwriting party finances.
- (5) Your appreciation for the help of those present.

### IV. SEQUENCE

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|-----------|---|
| 8:55 a.m. | Depart North Portico on foot and walk via Northwest Gate to Hay Adams Hotel.<br>PRESS POOL COVERAGE |
| 9:00 a.m. | Arrive Hay Adams Hotel.<br>PRESS POOL COVERAGE<br>CLOSED ARRIVAL                                    |

You will be met by:

Former Gov. Ken Curtis (D-Maine), Chairman,  
Democratic National Committee  
Messrs. Sheldon and Mark Magazine, Owners,  
Hay Adams Hotel  
Mr. Michael Pugliese, General Manager,  
Hay Adams Hotel.

Escorted by Governor Curtis, proceed inside  
hotel en route John Hay Room.

9:03 a.m.

Arrive John Hay Room where you informally  
greet guests seated at tables.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 80

9:07 a.m.

You proceed to podium for brief, informal  
remarks.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

9:11 a.m.

Remarks conclude. You proceed to remainder  
of audience and informally greet remainder of  
the guests.

9:14 a.m.

You thank your guests and depart John Hay Room.

9:15 a.m.

Depart Hay Adams Hotel on foot en route White  
House.

9:20 a.m.

Arrive White House.

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Executive Committee Meeting  
Finance Council of the Democratic National Committee  
February 18, 1977 - Hay Adams Hotel

Attending:

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Mr. Richard R. Allen  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

VISIT TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Friday - February 18, 1977

Departure: 11:00 A.M.

From: Tim Kraft

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. Depart via motorcade for the Department of Interior.

11:03 a.m. Arrive Interior Department. Met by Secretary Cecil Andrus and Dick Hite, Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management. Escorted on tour of Bureau of Indian Affairs (4th floor). Ray Butler, Acting Commissioner for Bureau, will join you on tour.

11:15 a.m. Tour concludes. Proceed to Conference Hall.

NOTE: There will be a microphone in overflow area if you wish to make any comments to the people who were not able to get into the Conference Hall.

11:28 a.m. Following announcement and introductory remarks by Secretary Andrus, you speak briefly and take questions from the audience.

11:50 a.m. You thank you audience and depart en route motorcade.

12:00 noon Arrive South Grounds.



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From: Secretary of the Interior

Subject: Proposed Visit on Friday, February 18, 1977

All of us in the Department of the Interior are deeply honored that you will visit and talk with us this Friday on the many matters with which we are mutually concerned.

Some suggestions I would make concerning the issues to be discussed, questions which might be raised during the open forum period, and the handling of your visit to the Department are:

1. Issues:

Our Commitment to our Indian Citizens: Cite your pledges to the Indian people during the campaign that you would consult with them on Indian-related matters; that you would choose someone to head the Bureau of Indian Affairs who is truly interested in the Indian people, and that you believe strongly in self-government for native Americans. I have told the Department's employees that I recognize the request that has been made by many Indian spokesmen for an independent agency, but that if the decision is for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to remain in Interior they are entitled to more visibility, recognition and support than in the past. We are prepared to create the position of Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs if you should decide not to create a separate Indian agency. We are dedicated to giving the Indian people a full partnership in our Department and giving priority to the protection of Indian rights.

Parks and Wildlife: We must—and we shall—reverse a long trend of neglect which has left many of our national parks and wildlife refuges in sorry shape. The job will take years; all the more reason to begin as quickly as possible with plans and appropriations. Under-staffing must be corrected at the same time.

Alaska Parks: Alaska has some of our planets most magnificent lands and waters, used by wildlife and birds that span most of the earth's continents in their migrations. Big parts of Alaska have been proposed for permanent inclusion in our national park and refuge and wild river systems. We endorse those proposals and urge Congress to act upon them soon.

Hard-Rock Mining Law Reform: While we work to protect and restore our coal lands, we must build better defenses against misuse of the public domain in the search for hard-rock minerals. The Mining Act of 1872 made sense when miners worked with pick and shovel. Today it allows anyone to wreck the soil, water and vegetation on a claimstake in search of bonanza that may not be there at all--then walk away and leave the mess for everyone else to live with. This law cries out for reform, and we will propose specifics by later this year.

Natural Gas Shortage: The Interior Department is working to help the Administration determine how more natural gas can be made available to carry us through the cold winter. Secretary Andrus is completing a preliminary investigation of gas production potential on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, which produces about 15 percent of the domestic gas. If there are sufficient indications that production is being held back to await higher prices, the investigation will be broadened.

Meanwhile, the Secretary has contacted the Governors of 27 gas-producing states, 54 operators of offshore leases and 2,483 onshore operators and leaseholders to determine whether they can increase production in the emergency. He has suspended an OCS order to enable the operators to go beyond the Maximum Efficient Recovery rate in the emergency.

The President has called on all Americans to take the initiative to use less energy by turning thermostats to 65 degrees. The Interior Department has been taking the lead in this effort by reducing its own power consumption.

Strip Mine Legislation: The President has strongly endorsed legislation to protect against the ravages of strip mining. In testimony before Senate and House committees this week Secretary Andrus said "the Administration looks forward to a new law under which an effective surface mining control program can be carried out."

Coal is abundant in America, and finding new ways to develop and burn it are essential to a new national energy policy. Nevertheless, as Secretary Andrus said, "we can afford to declare certain areas off limits to strip mining because of other important resource values, and we can insist on ending the abuses which historically have been associated with strip mining."

Coal Leasing: The Interior Department will be working closely with the states to assure that state and local input is included in the development of an effective coal leasing policy. The Secretary is meeting with Governors and is reviewing leasing regulations and procedures to determine whether competitive lease sales of coal are feasible in the near future consistent with the need to protect the western environment.

OCS Development: While we recognize the vital contribution which the development of oil and gas resources on our Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) can make to our energy needs, we want the program conducted in an environmentally sound manner and with increased coordination with the affected states. The Administration is prepared to respond favorably to the Congress on OCS legislation which would provide greater state involvement in the leasing process, more flexibility to use experimental bidding procedures, and greater control over the impact of development on other resources. Over the next 90 days, Interior will be reviewing the over-all OCS program to determine what changes need to be made to improve our environmental precautions, leasing processes, and state coordination. During this period our environmental studies will be continued, but any sales will be delayed until the Secretary has reviewed the information and options which are available.

Drought: While record snowfall of 1977 has produced a critical energy situation in much of the Midwest and the East, too little snow has accentuated the effects of the drought in the West.

Unless a great amount of snow falls this month in the West, serious difficulty appears likely—especially in California. Extreme care will have to be taken at Federal reservoirs to make certain enough water will be available for vital agricultural and domestic purposes in our Western States.

## 2. Questions and Answers

Q: Mr. President, how will your reorganization plans affect the Interior Department?

A: (We have not attempted to respond to this because the President can best determine the appropriate response.)

Q: The West is facing one of its worst droughts in many years, just at a time when the idea of dams to conserve our water is under very heavy criticism. Can you give us some guidance on your views on water resources, with this in mind?

A: I don't think it makes sense to build dams without careful study of all the factors involved, both economic and environmental. I also agree that big parts of our country could not support their people and their agriculture and industry without the major water projects in existence now. Things would be much worse in the West without those projects. We are not in any across-the-board "downhold" on new authorizations, but we will scrutinize them carefully; projects already funded can proceed as long as we are convinced of their safety.

Q: Do you regard Interior as a collection of "fiefdoms"?

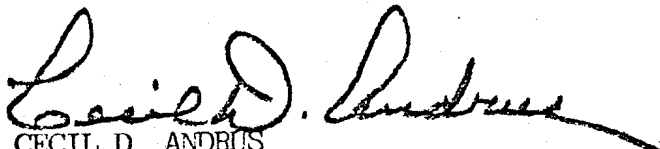
A: Under Secretary Andrus' leadership, I am confident that we are going to see a rejuvenation and strengthening of the Department of the Interior as the steward of the Nation's resources. The Department is staffed by fine people who want to do good things and the Secretary and I intend to help make it possible.

### 3. Itinerary:

The proposed itinerary would have the President arriving at the E Street entrance at approximately 10:30 a.m. Upon arrival in the building, two elevators would be dedicated to his use and the pool press accompanying the President. The President would take the elevators to the fourth floor and visit with some of the offices in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and in particular mingle and talk to native American employees of the BIA. Following about 20 minutes of discussion, the President would ride the elevator down to the basement, walk the length of the Interior Department's building toward C Street, perhaps stopping at the cafeteria, until he got to the end of the corridor, where he and his party would turn left, walk to the garage and up the A Ramp to 18th Street. Police would have to barricade 18th Street between C and D.

Depending upon the wishes of the Secret Service, the President could then enter the front of Constitution Hall and walk through the audience to the stage or he could walk around to the side of Constitution Hall on the outside and enter either the rear or one of the far side entrances. The building seats approximately 3,500 and it will be filled. Risers will be set up for media coverage and the President can then address the employees and follow up with the Question and Answer session if he desires. At approximately 11:30, the President could then be whisked from Constitution Hall back to the White House.

This is a tentative agenda and is yet to be confirmed by Dan Lee of the White House Advance or the Secret Service.

  
 CECIL D. ANDRUS  
 SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM FALLOWS *JMF*

SUBJECT: Your Visit to the Interior Department  
on Friday, February 18.

Griffin Smith has prepared the following notes and talking points for your visit.

You should be aware that Interior, unlike some of the other departments, has been visited by a president quite recently. Mr. Ford attended the swearing-in of Secretary Stanley Hathaway there on June 13, 1975.

In addition to the comments you doubtless want to make about your long friendship with Secretary Andrus, you may also want to add that he exemplifies the approach you wanted for the Interior Department: someone who will energetically protect our natural resources and at the same time help build our economic and energy resources.

The Secretary has already supplied you with detailed briefing notes. Beyond that, you may wish to make the following point:

Interior is especially important to the goals of your administration for three very diverse reasons:

1. ENERGY. Interior has a role in dealing with our most serious immediate crisis, the natural gas shortage. The civil servants in your audience concerned with energy matters can see, now, how their work has risen to the forefront of America's concerns. Your government reorganization may mean changes of institutions and titles for them, and by this time next year their working lives may have changed. But you think they will be as excited about that as you are: they will be helping the country develop a comprehensive long range energy policy. You and the American people are depending on their knowledge and judgment and abilities, and you expect a great deal from them.

2. RACIAL HARMONY. Interior is responsible for matters affecting American Indians and for protecting Indian rights. In the past our policies have not been as sensitive and as understanding as they should be.



When the Bureau of Indian Affairs was created (in 1824), it was part of the War department. We have come a long way since then, but we still have much more to do. You have said you believe strongly in Indian self-government, and pledged during the campaign to consult with the Indian people on matters affecting them and to select a head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs who is truly interested in the Indian people.

3. NATURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Interior has a special place in your heart because it is the custodian of the wilderness, outdoor recreation and historical sites that enrich our lives and are such an important legacy to our children. You may wish to mention your weekend trips in the outdoors, and stress your resolute commitment to the wise stewardship of those natural resources. You might say that in your reorganization plans, you will not remove anything from Interior that would impair that function. America has been blessed with extraordinary natural scenic beauty, but once these resources are gone they can never be replaced, and we have not cared for them well enough in the past. As a way of making your point forcefully, you might wish to say: "I intend to be the best friend the National Park Service has ever had." (The NPS was established in 1916.)

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Friday, February 18, 1977

11:00 am The President boards motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route  
Department of Interior.

[Driving time: 3 minutes]

11:03 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Department of Interior.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

The President will be met by:

The Honorable Cecil Andrus, Secretary of  
Interior

Mr. Dick Hite, Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Administration and Management

The President, escorted by Sec. Andrus and Dick Hite,  
proceeds via elevator to Bureau of Indian Affairs  
(4th Floor).

11:08 am The President arrives Bureau of Indian Affairs  
(4th Floor).

The President will be met by:

Mr. Ray Butler, Acting Commissioner for  
Bureau of Indian Affairs

11:09 am The President, escorted by Sec. Andrus, Dick Hite,  
and Ray Butler, proceeds on a tour of the offices  
of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

11:15 am Tour concludes.

The President, escorted by Sec. Andrus and Dick  
Hite, proceeds via elevator en route Conference Hall  
(1st Floor).

11:20 am      The President arrives Conference Hall and  
pauses for announcement.

NOTE: There will be a microphone in the  
overflow area if the President wishes to  
make any comments to the people not able  
at get into the Conference Hall.

11:27 am      Announcement.

11:28 am      The President proceeds inside Conference Hall  
to stage.

11:28 am      Welcoming remarks by Sec. Andrus.

11:29 am      Presidential remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1100

11:38 am      Remarks conclude.

The President accepts questions from the audience.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

NOTE: The President should accept questions  
from the microphone area where a staff person  
has his/her hand raised.

11:51 am      The President thanks the audience and, escorted by  
Sec. Andrus and Dick Hite, departs Conference  
Hall en route motorcade for boarding.

11:53 am      MOTORCADE DEPARTS Department of Interior en  
route South Grounds.

[Driving time: 3 minutes ]

11:56 am      MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.